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SOUTH AFRICA TENSIONS

ANNCR: V.O.A. NEWS ANALYST RONALD J. DUNLAVEY DISCUSSES THE GROWING TENSION IN SOUTH AFRICA AND INTERNATIONAL REACTION TO IT:

VOICE: THE PROFOUND INTERNATIONAL CONCERN AROUSED BY LAST WEEK'S RIOTS IN SOUTH AFRICA WAS REFLECTED IN THE VOTE TAKEN EARLY SUNDAY MORNING BY THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL. THE COUNCIL WAS UNANIMOUS IN CONDEMNING THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT FOR ITS HARSH REACTION TO THE RIOTS -- WHICH ENDED WITH MORE THAN A HUNDRED PERSONS DEAD. IT ALSO CALLED FOR AN END OF THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY OF APARTHEID, OR DISCRIMINATORY RACIAL SEGREGATION.

INTERNATIONAL CONCERN IS ALSO REFLECTED IN THE ATTENTION WHICH IS BEING DIRECTED TO THE MEETING LATER THIS WEEK BETWEEN SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER AND SOUTH AFRICAN PRIME MINISTER JOHN VORSTER. THE MEETING -- WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE IN WEST GERMANY -- WAS SCHEDULED BEFORE LAST WEEK'S RIOTS BROKE OUT. ITS CHIEF ORIGINAL PURPOSE WAS A DISCUSSION OF THE SITUATION IN RHODESIA. SECRETARY KISSINGER HOPED TO ENLIST SOUTH AFRICAN ASSISTANCE IN GETTING THE RHODESIAN WHITE MINORITY GOVERNMENT TO AGREE TO POLITICAL REFORMS LEADING TO MAJORITY RULE. HE ALSO WANTED TO DISCUSS WITH MR. VORSTER THE PROBLEM OF NAMIBIA, OR SOUTHWEST AFRICA, WHICH -- THE UNITED NATIONS HAS INSISTED -- SHOULD BE PERMITTED SELF-DETERMINATION, BUT WHICH SOUTH AFRICA CONTINUES TO CONTROL. IT IS ALSO BELIEVED THAT MR. KISSINGER WOULD IN ANY EVENT HAVE RAISED THE ISSUE OF APARTHEID, WHICH THE UNITED STATES HAS REPEATEDLY CONDEMNED.

BUT NOW, IN VIEW OF THE RIOTS, IT IS BELIEVED THAT THIS ISSUE HAS TAKEN ON A GREATER URGENCY. IN TESTIMONY BEFORE A CONGRES-

SIONAL COMMITTEE LAST THURSDAY SECRETARY KISSINGER INDICATED THAT HE WOULD EXPRESS AMERICAN OPPOSITION TO APARTHEID AND CONCERN OVER THE RIOTS. BOTH WERE SUBSEQUENTLY UNDERLINED BY UNITED STATES PARTICIPATION IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL'S UNANIMOUS VOTE -- AND BY A STRONG STATEMENT BY THE AMERICAN SPOKESMAN DURING THE DEBATE. HE CALLED ON SOUTH AFRICA -- IN HIS WORDS -- "TO TAKE THESE EVENTS AS A WARNING AND LEARN FROM THEM -- TO ABANDON A SYSTEM WHICH IS CLEARLY NOT ACCEPTABLE UNDER ANY STANDARD OF HUMAN RIGHTS."

IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE TO ASSUME THAT ANY DRAMATIC RESULTS CAN BE EXPECTED FROM THE KISSINGER-VORSTER TALKS. INDEED, THE CONVICTION IS BEING WIDELY EXPRESSED, IN THE WAKE OF THE RIOTS, THAT THE ULTIMATE DESTINY OF SOUTH AFRICA MUST DEPEND LARGELY ON THE WILLINGNESS OF ITS OWN PEOPLE TO COOPERATE IN ELIMINATING RACIAL INEQUALITY. NEVERTHELESS, IT CAN BE EXPECTED THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER WILL NOT FAIL TO CONVEY AMERICAN -- AND, FOR THAT MATTER, WORLD -- CONCERN ABOUT THE TRAGIC EVENTS OF LAST WEEK, AND HOPE FOR REFORM OF TYHE SYSTEM WHICH CAUSED THOSE EVENTS.

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